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Lake Wylie users and Tega Cay residents need your help to address the multiple sewage spills into Lake Wylie from Utilities Inc. / Tega Cay Water Service's (UI/TCWS) wastewater operations in Tega Cay. This in no way addresses the health problems associated with the **multiple sewage spills into private homes** that pose severe health problems but are not posted by DHEC. **We have suffered through these spills over the years causing health and safety concerns that we are powerless to correct.** I have spoken with the Rock Hill Treatment plant manager and the Deputy City Manager who assure us that this plant can handle the increased sewage we would send to them via Tega Cay Utility Department lines. We also are concerned about the next rate increase that inevitably will result from the UI/TCWS work underway - **why should we have to pay for expenses the utility is incurring NOW because UI/TCWS PREVIOUSLY neglected critical maintenance and investment?** This is evident by the increased number of SSO's in 2013.

Please require UI/TCWS to close its two operating wastewater treatment plants and remove all three wastewater treatment plants from Tega Cay, at UI/TCWS expense. Require UI/TCWS to connect the sewage lines to Tega Cay Utility Department, thus pumping the wastewater to the Rock Hill Treatment Plant.

Closing these treatment plants would have eliminated over 90% of the sewage spilled in 2011, 2012, 2013 in Tega Cay - of the approximately 266,000 gallons spilled in three years, roughly 253,000 gallons spilled from the treatment plants that should be closed and removed. (Overflow data

source: Richard J. Durham, UI/TCWS Regional Vice President of Operations, Docket 2013-168-WS, Exhibit RJD-1, SSO Log, 06/18/13.)

Besides drastically reducing Tega Cay sewage spills, this would eliminate significant UI/TCWS wastewater plant maintenance expenses. Last, we are a small city and do not need three poorly maintained and extremely costly wastewater treatment plants operated by an unreliable service provider.

It is appropriate for the PSC to consider greater efficiencies and reduced costs as shown in Utilities Services versus ORS, opinion #26952 under A Fairness of Rate Increase. **We rely on your continued support, and actions, to keep Lake Wylie clean.**

Thanks for your help,

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